

# WSU College of Business

## Freshman Admit Program

### *Get a head start on your Business degree*

Upon acceptance to WSU any incoming freshman is invited to apply for the College of Business Freshman Admit Program. This is an opportunity for any student who maintains a 3.0 cumulative GPA and who completes the required program requirements, to be automatically accepted into the College of Business as certified major, upon completion of 60 semester hours and the 10 qualifying core business courses (which require a 2.5 average GPA – see [www.business.wsu.edu/advising/Pages/CertificationReqs.aspx](http://www.business.wsu.edu/advising/Pages/CertificationReqs.aspx)). If a student fails to maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA or does not meet the other program requirements each semester, then he or she will be dropped from the Freshman Admit Program. Those students dropped from the Freshman Admit Program must go through the normal business certification application process and compete for certification into the College of Business.

#### **How it works:**

Students will be assigned advisors in the Center for Advising and Career Development [CACD] until they receive their first semester grades.

Those students who achieve a 3.0 cumulative GPA their first semester and have applied for the program will be formally in the CB Freshman Admit Program and will begin to be tracked for certification each semester. These students will be transferred to a business advisor at this time and will remain with a business advisor until they graduate. If a student falls below a 2.5 cumulative GPA at any time they will be reassigned to a CACD advisor.

Students who remain in the program must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA **and** complete the 'Keys 4 Success' requirements. Students will also be required to attend a mandatory advising workshop sponsored by the CB Advising Center which will need to be completed during the second semester of their freshman year. Students are also required to attend a mandatory meeting during the semester they apply for the program where the requirements will be discussed in further detail.

If a student's cumulative GPA falls below a 3.0 and/or they do not complete the 'Keys 4 Success' program requirements each semester, they will be dismissed from the program and will have to compete for certification in the College of Business.

#### **Questions?**

Natalie Whittaker  
Todd 101  
nwhittaker@wsu.edu  
509-335-4345



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## Application

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

WSU ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the major(s) you are interested in:

*Under the Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration degree:*

- Accounting
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- International Business
- Management and Operations
- Management Information Systems
- Marketing

*Under the Bachelor of Arts in Hospitality Business Management degree:*

- Hospitality Business Management
- Wine Business Management

***Submit completed application to Natalie Whittaker (Todd 101)***



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# Freshman Admit Program Requirements

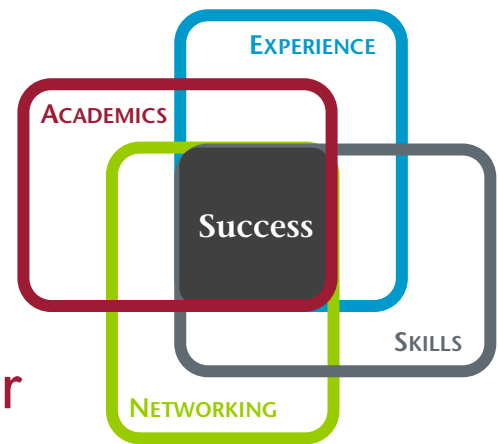
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- Submit application (page 2) and be accepted into the program  
(You may only apply once and must have no more than 29 semester hours completed)
- Attend the mandatory meeting during the semester you apply to the program
- **Freshman Year:**
  - Maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA
  - Complete **1 activity in each of the 4 sections** of the Keys for Success program.  
(See pages 4-5 for the Keys 4 Success program outline)
    - Submit a **one paragraph description\* of each activity** you completed  
(150-200 words per paragraph, 4 paragraphs total)
    - You must complete 2 activities and turn in 2 descriptions each semester  
**Fall deadline – Friday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>      Spring deadline – Friday, Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup>**
  - Attend the mandatory advising workshop during your second semester
- **Sophomore Year:**
  - Maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA
  - Complete **2 activities in each of the 4 sections** of the Keys for Success program.  
(You may repeat activities as long as it is a new experience)
    - Submit a **one paragraph description\* of each activity** you completed  
(150-200 words per paragraph, 8 paragraphs total)
    - You must complete 4 activities and turn in 4 descriptions each semester  
**Fall deadline – Friday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>      Spring deadline – Friday, Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- **\* Description Paragraph Requirements:**
  - Each paragraph must include the following elements (ABC)
    - A = Affect: How did you feel about your experience? Frustrated? Confused? Rewarded? A sense of accomplishment?
    - B = Behavior: What did you do? What did you not do? What should or could you have done differently? What did you do well?
    - C = Cognition: What did you learn? What did you gain from this experience?
  - Please attach any supporting documents (i.e., flyers, programs, handouts, etc.)
  - You may submit hard copies to Todd 101, or email as an attachment to nwhittaker@wsu.edu. (Be sure to include your name and ID number)

*Once you have satisfied the above requirements, and have completed 60 semester hours and the 10 qualifying core business courses, you will be accepted into the College of Business as a certified major.*

# Keys 4 Success

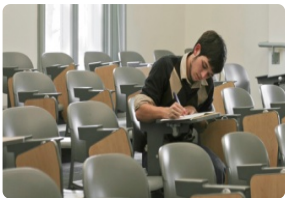
Engaging in these activities will help you make the move from college to career



## ACADEMICS



- Meet with an **academic advisor** each semester
  - [www.business.wsu.edu/advising](http://www.business.wsu.edu/advising)
- Attend **all classes** and participate actively in discussions
- Visit with your **professors** or teaching assistants each semester
- Take advantage of **tutoring resources and College Success Workshops**
  - [www.cacd.wsu.edu](http://www.cacd.wsu.edu)
- Attend **lectures and seminars** led by distinguished guest speakers
  - [www.wsucalendar.wsu.edu](http://www.wsucalendar.wsu.edu) and college/department websites
- Take part in **cultural and diversity events** and conferences
  - [www.thedivision.wsu.edu](http://www.thedivision.wsu.edu)



## EXPERIENCE



- Complete at least one **internship**
  - [www.careers.wsu.edu](http://www.careers.wsu.edu) – WSU CareerLink/JobX
- Gain valuable **work experience**
  - [www.careers.wsu.edu](http://www.careers.wsu.edu) – WSU CareerLink/JobX
- Expand your global business knowledge by **studying abroad**
  - [www.business.wsu.edu/StudyAbroad](http://www.business.wsu.edu/StudyAbroad) and [www.ip.wsu.edu/education\\_abroad](http://www.ip.wsu.edu/education_abroad)
- Join and contribute to a **club or organization**
  - [www.business.wsu.edu/Students/Pages/clubs.aspx](http://www.business.wsu.edu/Students/Pages/clubs.aspx) and [www.studentinvolvement.wsu.edu](http://www.studentinvolvement.wsu.edu)
- Participate in **community service** or volunteer activities
  - [www.cce.wsu.edu](http://www.cce.wsu.edu)
  - For help identifying service opportunities that will allow you to develop work-related experience make an appointment at the Carson Center



## SKILLS



- Participate in **career and professional development events or workshops**
  - [www.business.wsu.edu/carsoncenter](http://www.business.wsu.edu/carsoncenter) and [www.careers.wsu.edu](http://www.careers.wsu.edu)
- Participate in at least one formal **mock interview**
  - [www.business.wsu.edu/carsoncenter](http://www.business.wsu.edu/carsoncenter) and [www.careers.wsu.edu](http://www.careers.wsu.edu)
- Develop and maintain a **professional resume**
  - [www.business.wsu.edu/carsoncenter](http://www.business.wsu.edu/carsoncenter) and [www.careers.wsu.edu](http://www.careers.wsu.edu)



- Hold **leadership positions**
  - [www.business.wsu.edu/Students/Pages/clubs.aspx](http://www.business.wsu.edu/Students/Pages/clubs.aspx) and [www.studentinvolvement.wsu.edu](http://www.studentinvolvement.wsu.edu)
- Attend **leadership development activities**
  - [www.lead.wsu.edu](http://www.lead.wsu.edu)

## NETWORKING



- Participate in **career fairs** and/or the Career Opportunity Networking Fair -CONNECT
  - [www.business.wsu.edu/carsoncenter](http://www.business.wsu.edu/carsoncenter) and [www.careers.wsu.edu](http://www.careers.wsu.edu)
- Build strong **professional connections** with faculty and staff
- Obtain **letters of recommendation** from professors, supervisors or mentors
- Conduct **graduate school research**
  - [www.business.wsu.edu/Graduate/Pages/index.aspx](http://www.business.wsu.edu/Graduate/Pages/index.aspx); [www.gradschools.com](http://www.gradschools.com); and [www.cgsnet.org](http://www.cgsnet.org)



- Research **industry and companies** of interest
  - [www.business.wsu.edu/carsoncenter/Pages/companies.aspx](http://www.business.wsu.edu/carsoncenter/Pages/companies.aspx)
- Perform **informational interviews** with business professionals
  - [www.business.wsu.edu/carsoncenter](http://www.business.wsu.edu/carsoncenter)

### Carson Center for Professional Development

Todd Hall 101

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[carsoncenter@cb.wsu.edu](mailto:carsoncenter@cb.wsu.edu)

[business.wsu.edu/carsoncenter](http://business.wsu.edu/carsoncenter)

\*\* The resources provided on this list are not comprehensive or exclusive, but rather a starting point. Utilize your personal network and other resources to expand your opportunities. \*\*